

SONG WRITING

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PURPOSE

This event develops the ability to express spiritual feelings and thoughts in the form of song.

PROCESS

Each participant will:

- Write an original composition (music and words).
- Give **four copies** of the song and **one** cover sheet to their Church Coordinator.

The Church Coordinator will:

- Gather all Song Writing Submissions and make sure each entry has a cover sheet.
- Send the all Song Writing Submissions as a bundle to the Event Coordinator using a trackable shipping method **by March 1, 2018**.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Send confirmation of receipt of songs to the Church Coordinator.
- Organize the songs for judging.
- Make three copies of the judging form, with name, grade and church written on top of each.
- Compile judging sheets and assign award category G, S, B, P.
- Notify the Award Entry Coordinator of all award recommendations by **March 15, 2018**.
- Songs will be displayed at the convention.
- Complied judging forms will be inserted into the church's take-home packet at the convention.

RULES

1. The participant will compose both melody and words for an original song.
2. Harmony is not required, although proper harmonic chords may enhance the composition. A melody only composition will not have deductions for not trying to write the harmony. However, improper harmonic chords may result in a deduction.
3. More than one person may work on a composition, but the grade category in which they will be judged will be the grade of the oldest person doing the work. If more than one person works on a composition, they must all be in grades 3-12 (in other words, no adults may write the words or the music for the youth).
4. Submission requirements are based on the age category in which the song is submitted. All submissions in Grades 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 categories must be done on staff paper in standard musical notation. The submission may be done by hand or with the aid of a computer program. Grades 3-4 and 5-6 categories may submit just a vocal recording of the song and do not need to



include a submission in written form. Although it is not required for the Grades 3-4 and 5-6 categories, participants in these categories may submit songs in written form if they desire. Vocal recordings may be included with the submission in order to assist the judges understand the intent of the writer, but are not required.

5. Additionally, Grades 3-4 and 5-6 are allowed to compose a “Piggy Back” song in which the take the melody used in a familiar song and write their own words to the tune, or by using scripture as the lyrics and composing the melody themselves.
6. Participants in any age group may submit a vocal recording of the song (in audio cassette tape or Compact Disc form), sung by the participants themselves to help the judges determine the intent of the songwriter if they desire.
7. There are four grade categories for the event:
 - Grades 3-6.
 - Grades 7-8.
 - Grades 9-10.
 - Grades 11-12.

Submission of Songs

1. **One typed cover sheet** for each song including:
 - Name of Each Participant
 - Grade of Each Participant
 - Name of Church Coordinator
 - Congregation Name
 - Congregation Address
 - Church Coordinator Phone Number
 - Church Coordinator Email Address
 - Title of Song
2. Four copies of the song (in written or recorded form, based on the age category requirements listed above), and one cover sheet are to be given to the Church Coordinator.
3. The Church Coordinator will bundle all submissions and send to the Song Writing Coordinator at the address listed at the top of these instructions. If recorded copies are submitted, please submit a total of 4 tapes or 4 Compact Discs, or email an MP3. Songs are to be postmarked by March 1, 2018.
4. All materials submitted for judging become the property of LTC. It is understood that LTC reserves the right to use these materials for promotion, instruction, or any other manner deemed appropriate by the LTC Board of Directors.

Awards

1. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet.
2. Participants will be assigned a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation Rating based upon the judges’ evaluations and will receive an appropriate-colored engraved plate for the individual’s award plaque.
3. A team plaque will be awarded to teams who receive a Gold award.



Leadership Training for Christ Song Writing Judge's Form	Name:
	Church:
	Grade:
Singability: Appropriate vocal range.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Singability: Natural melodic pattern and harmonization.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Structure: Consistent style, balanced phrases, and flow.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Structure: Rhythmic patterns of lyrics and music match.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Message: Originality, presentation of thought or idea.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Message: Lyrics and music complimentary in style.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Appearance: Neatness, proper key and time signature, and proper musical notation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work Comment:	
Additional Comments	
FOR USE ONLY BY THE EVENT COORDINATOR:	
G S B P	
Judges Name:	